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COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
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BAN ON IMPORT OF NATURAL RUBBER
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a ban on import of natural rubber under advance licence;

(b) if so, whether this has benefited the farmers to a great extent;

(c) if so, the quantum of import of natural rubber avoided by this move;

(d) whether there has been some representations for lifting this ban; and

(e) if so, the response of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a) Yes Sir.

(b) & (c) The ban on import of Natural Rubber(NR) against Advance Licences has curbedsurge in imports of NR in the Quantitative Free Regime and enhanced the consumption of indigenous Rubber. Import of NR during April-September, 2002 was 13,456 MT as compared to 20,824 MT of NR imported during the corresponding period of the preceding year. The price of NR has also improved considerably.

(d) Yes Sir

(e) The Government does not propose to lift the ban on import of NR against advance licences.